

CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

Proposition M

(This proposition will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

PROP M

Shall an ordinance be approved repealing Sections 4.60.010 through 4.60.180 of the National City Municipal Code, in order to repeal an existing one percent transactions and use tax (sales tax) which is used for City services, facilities and programs?

This proposition requires approval by a simple majority (over 50%) of the voters voting on the proposition.

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

This ballot measure states that it shall be known as the "Repeal Proposition D Initiative".

SUMMARY OF PROPOSITION D

Proposition D was approved by a majority of those residents of National City who voted on the Proposition in the June 6, 2006 municipal election. Proposition D added Sections 4.60.010 through 4.60.180 to the National City Municipal Code, to provide for a one percent transactions and use tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax"). Pursuant to Proposition D, the one percent sales tax is used for City services, facilities, and programs. The authority to levy the tax imposed by Proposition D expires ten years from October 1, 2006 (the "Operative Date"), unless the City Council prior to that date determines that the levy and collection of the tax is no longer necessary, in which case the City Council has the authority to reduce the rate of tax, or terminate the imposition of the tax. Proposition D provides that every five years the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint an independent committee comprised of three experts in financial matters who will report their recommendation to the Mayor and City Council as to whether the transaction and use tax should remain in effect at the rate of one percent, or whether the City Council should reduce the rate of tax or terminate the imposition of the tax.

EFFECT OF PROPOSITION M

This ballot measure would repeal Proposition D, summarized above, in its entirety.

This ballot measure provides that its provisions are severable, so that if any provision of the measure or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications.

This ballot measure provides that it may not be amended except upon voter approval. If the measure is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, it shall be considered adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council, and shall go into effect ten days after that date.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY OF NATIONAL CITY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1. This Initiative shall be known as the "Repeal of Proposition D Initiative".
- SECTION 2. Sections 4.60.010 through 4.60.180 of Chapter 4.60 of the Municipal Code of the City of National City are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 3. If any provision of this measure or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this measure are severable.
- SECTION 4. This initiative may not be amended except upon voter approval.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION M

Repeal the National City Sales Tax Increase.

National City – with probably the lowest income population in the county – now has the highest sales tax rate in the state.

City politicians claimed the money was needed for public safety. But they really wanted the money to pay city employees some of the richest pensions in the county!

Thirty-year National City employees get 90% of their highest pay as a pension – some retiring as early as age 50 – while contributing little or nothing for their incredible retirement benefits. Probably no business in California offers such a generous pension.

Politicians will threaten that, if we repeal this tax, they will fire many police and firefighters, putting your family in danger. The **ONLY** options they present are either higher taxes or reducing critical city services. They refuse to control the problem – the stunning high pay and fabulous pensions paid to city employees.

The only way citizens can force politicians to control spending is voting to limit taxes. **It's OUTRAGEOUS that our low income city is burdened with the state's highest sales tax rate.**

Shortly after this regressive sales tax increase passed, city politicians were negotiating with the Chargers for a football stadium. Politicians gleefully admitted they could never have pursued this project without the sales tax increase. Wait – we thought the money was for public safety!

To add insult to injury, **many if not most National City employees don't even live in National City.** They take their high salaries and wonderful pensions home with them. Such nonresident city employees seldom pay National City taxes, or return their earnings to our local economy!

In this crushing recession, its time for government to cut back! Let's pay the same sales tax paid in most other cities in the county.

Join with us. Vote **YES!** to repeal the 1% sales tax increase.

www.RepealNationalCitySalesTax.org

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ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION M

Vote NO on Proposition M – Keep National City Moving Forward

During the past two years, National City has launched new plans to rebuild and improve our city.

Since 2006, crime has been reduced, Plaza Bonita has been expanded, and new building developments have started.

Proposition M would reverse our progress and endanger our city services.

In 2006, National City voters approved a temporary 1-cent sales tax to help save our city.

During the past two years, that money has protected police and fire services by adding new police officers and enhancing life-saving fire and medical emergency services we need.

Proposition M would cut funding for police and fire protection, close parks, reduce library hours, and stop redevelopment projects that will improve our city.

Proposition M is backed by out-of-town political activists who have nothing to lose if National City moves backwards.

Proposition M is OPPOSED by our local police, fire, school, and community leaders.

We need to work together to keep our city safe, clean, and growing towards a brighter future.

Please join us and **VOTE NO on PROPOSITION M on November 4th.**

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